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Richard W. Couper  
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Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10018

Dear Mr. Couper:

Thank you for your very kind note. You would have no way to know the appreciative and nostalgic feelings that were elicited by seeing your letterhead. I was lucky enough, for all too brief an interval, to have an NYA job working in the stacks at the main branch. I will also impose on you a page from an autobiographical draft that only begins to express my relationships with the New York Public Library system.

There are many ways that I can foresee the most useful outcome from renewed associations both institutional and personal, and I will indeed want to respond to our letter in a more personal way as soon as possible after I have arrived in New York. What may not have been made clear in the press announcements was that it will be September before we move to the City, but I hope it will not be long after that.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joshua Lederberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Enclosure

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